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Message from the Section Co-Chairs

Welcome to the second issue of *EMCA News*. It is hard to believe that summer is (almost) here, school is out, and we are already thinking that we are running out of time before the beginning of next semester. At least we feel that way as Co-Chairs! We are pleased with our progress as a section, and have much to do in the upcoming months.

In this issue, you will find information regarding the upcoming ASA conference in New York City (August 11-14), including EMCA paper sessions and section activities. There is a full slate of papers on the program, representing a broad range of work in Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis. We look forward to seeing many of you at the conference and will miss those who are not able to attend. If you haven't made your reservations as of yet, make sure to do so soon. You can pre-register and book your accommodations at special ASA rates at www.asanet.org.

Be sure to attend the business meeting at the Sheraton on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 5:30 p.m., where we will announce the winners of the new EMCA Section awards: the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Distinguished Book Award, and the Graduate Student Paper Award. Afterwards, come celebrate with the award winners and catch up with your colleagues at the section reception beginning at 6:30 p.m. We want to extend a warm welcome to everyone to join us there.

In this issue of *EMCA News*, you will also find information on data sessions around the world, new EMCA books, upcoming conferences, department news, Ph.D. candidates, and more. If you have any suggestions regarding newsletter features or stories for an upcoming issue, please let us know.

As we come to the end of the first year of our two-year term as officers, it is time to start soliciting nominations for the next election. In the spring of 2008, every EMCA section member will have the opportunity to vote for officers-elect (Co-Chairs and Co-Secretary/Treasurers), who will serve from 2008-2010. We will also be looking for members to serve on the Council. If you are interested in these positions or would like to nominate someone, please contact one of us (Virginia at vtgill@ilstu.edu or Gary at gddavid@bentley.edu).

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102nd Annual American Sociological Association Meetings

August 11-14, 2007 New York, New York

The preliminary program is now on line: <http://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asa/asa07/>

Saturday, August 11

EMCA Section Council Meeting 7:00-8:15 a.m. Sheraton

Regular Session: Ethnomethodology 8:30-10:10 a.m. Hilton

Organizer and Presider: Don Zimmerman

Kevin Whitehead, "Managing racial commonsense in interaction: The use of allusions to race"

Ilkka Arminen, "Scientific and 'radical' ethnomethodology: From incompatible paradigms to ethnomethodological sociology"

Thomas Conroy, "Social constructionism as theory: Some ethnomethodologically informed considerations"

Stephan Groschwitz, "Some things ethnomethodology can say about power (and already has)"

Regular Session: Conversation Analysis I 8:30-10:10 a.m. Sheraton

Organizer and Presider: Emanuel Schegloff

Steven Clayman, "Address terms in the service of other actions: The case of news interview talk"

Erica Grancea, "Storytelling 'our side': interactional contingencies of ethnic representation and affiliation in conversation"

Douglas Maynard, "Defensiveness in interaction: The use of I-mean prefaced utterances in complaint and other conversational sequences"

Danielle Pillet-Shore, "Making way and making sense for arrivers: Pre-present parties' previous activity formulations"

Section Session: Medical Interaction 2:30-4:10 p.m. Sheraton

Organizer: Elizabeth Boyd Presider: Virginia Gill

Teddy Elizabeth Weathersbee, "Altruism and the request for tissue donation"

Alison Pilnick and Robert Dingwall, "On the remarkable persistence of asymmetry in doctor/patient interaction"

Marian L. Katz, "Salubrious care: Beyond the sick/well dichotomy?"

Helena Webb, "'How are you?': Opening questions and responses in UK weight management clinic consultations"

Section Session: Workplace Studies/Ethnographic Studies of Work 4:30-5:30 pm Sheraton

Organizer and Presider: Robert Moore

Angela Cora Garcia and Gary David, "Discovering the work of medical transcriptionists"

Erik Vinkhuyzen and Nozomi Ikeya, "Doing risk management"

Anne Warfield Rawls, "Garfinkel and theoretical grounding behind workplace studies"

**EMCA Section Business Meeting 5:30-6:10 p.m. Sheraton
(Includes presentation of SECTION AWARDS)**

EMCA Section Reception 6:30-8:00 p.m. Sheraton SEE YOU THERE!

Sunday, August 12

Regular session: Conversation Analysis II 8:30 am-10:10 am

Organizer, Presider, and Discussant: Emanuel Schegloff

John Heritage, "Constructing and navigating epistemic landscapes: The design of responses to questions"

Geoffrey Raymond and Gene Lerner, "Sequence as a source of body behavior, body behavior as a resource for sequencing actions: The case of interjected action"

Celia Kitzinger and Jenny Mandelbaum, "Word selection and social identities in talk"

Discussion: Emanuel Schegloff

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If you are interested in our activities and are not yet a member of the EMCA Section, do join us. You can find a membership application for the American Sociological Association and its sections at http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/join_or_renew/join. ASA tallies its section memberships in October of each year, so this is a good time for you to become a member.

We look forward to a fun and productive conference in New York City. If you can't make it this summer, see you in Boston in 2008!

Sincerely,

Virginia Teas Gill and Gary David
EMCA Section Co-Chairs

New Books

Margaret E. Dorsey (2006). *Pachangas: Borderlands Music, U.S. Politics and Transnational Marketing*. University of Texas Press.

Baudouin Dupret (2006). *Le Jugement en Action: Ethnométhodologie du Droit, de la Morale et de la Justice en Egypte (Adjudication in Action: Ethnomethodology of Law, Morality and Justice in Egypt)*. Geneva: Librairie Droz.

N. J. Enfield and Tanya Stivers (Eds.) (2007). *Person Reference in Interaction: Linguistic, Cultural and Social Perspectives* (Series: Language Culture and Cognition No. 7). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Elizabeth Holt and Rebecca Clift (Eds.) (2007). *Reporting Talk: Reported Speech in Interaction*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press [Series: Studies in Interactional Sociolinguistics, No. 24].

Ian Hutchby (2007). *The Discourse of Child Counselling*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins [IMPACT: Studies in Language and Society 21].

Salla Kurhila (2006). *Second Language Interaction*. Amsterdam/Philadelphia [Pragmatics & Beyond New Series 145].

Esther González Martínez (2007). *Flagrantes Auditions. Echanges Langagiers Lors d'Interactions Judiciaires (Flagrant Hearings. Talk During Judicial Interactions)*. Bern: Peter Lang.

David Goode (2006). *Playing With My Dog Katie: An Ethnomethodological Study of Dog-Human Interaction*. Purdue University Press.

Scott R. Harris (2006). *The Meanings of Marital Equality* (SUNY Series in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences). SUNY Press.

John Heritage and Douglas W. Maynard (Eds.) (2006). *Communication in Medical Care: Interaction Between Primary Care Physicians and Patients* (Series: Studies in Interactional Sociolinguistics, No. 20). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Johanna Rendle-Short (2006). *The Academic Presentation: Situated Talk in Action*. Aldershot: Ashgate [Series: Directions in Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis].

Emanuel A. Schegloff (2007). *Sequence Organization in Interaction: A Primer in Conversation Analysis, Vol. 1*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Tanya Stivers (2007). *Prescribing Under Pressure: Parent-Physician Conversations and Antibiotics*. Oxford University Press.

Lucy Suchman (2007). *Human-Machine Reconfigurations: Plans and Situated Actions* (2nd Edition). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Liu Yuntong (2007). *The Rudiments of Conversation Analysis*. Shanghai: Xuelin Publishing House.

Cristina Zuccheromaglio and Francesca Alby (Eds.) (2006). *Psicologia Culturale delle Organizzazioni*. Roma: Carocci.

Journal Announcements

The first issue of *Discourse & Communication* (February 2007) has been published. *Discourse & Communication* is a new interdisciplinary journal that publishes papers that pay specific attention to the qualitative, discourse analytical approach to issues in communication research. <http://dcm.sagepub.com>

A special issue of *Discourse Studies*, to be published in Fall 2007 (Vol. 9), is dedicated to conversation analytic studies of Reference to Persons and is edited by Gene H. Lerner and Celia Kitzinger.

Department News

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, USA: During the 2006-2007 academic year, the **Department of Communication** hired Dr. Galina Bolden (Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics, UCLA), who specializes in conversation analysis and works in both Russian and English. Rutgers' Communication Department now has three conversation analysts, including Dr. Jenny Mandelbaum and Dr. Jeffrey D. Robinson.

University of Fribourg, Switzerland: Jean Widmer, Professor of **Sociology of Communication and Media** at the University of Fribourg, died of cancer on February 13, 2007. In 1980, Jean presented a doctoral thesis on the philosophical and linguistic foundations of the ethnomethodological perspective on language. In his empirical work, he combined the ethnomethodological perspective with contemporary semiotics studies to deal with topics such as public debates on drugs, multilingualism and the "Nazi gold" affair. Those who had the privilege to know Jean Widmer will always remember his profound humanity and his commitment to the social sciences, two interconnected and lasting hallmarks of his life and work.

University of Groningen, Netherlands: **The Center for Language and Cognition** announces eight PhD Fellowships in Linguistics. The fellowships are open to students with Master's degrees in Linguistics or a related field such as Computer Science, Psychology, English, or Artificial Intelligence, and provide funds for a four-year research project leading to a PhD dissertation. Groningen is at the moment especially interested in applications in

computational linguistics, neurolinguistics, and language variation and change, but will consider applications in corpus linguistics, the psycholinguistics of discourse, language and literacy development, conversation analysis and interactional linguistics. For details, see <http://www.let.rug.nl/nerbonne/clcg/phd-2007/>, particularly the link to the discourse and communication group.

A group of Ph.D. students is establishing bi-monthly data sessions at various locations in the UK. They invite the participation of other graduate students who are interested in EMCA. For more information please contact Katie Best at katie.best@kcl.ac.uk

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Edited Volumes
Communication in Healthcare Settings: Policy, Participation and New Technologies
Edited by Alison Pilnick Alison.Pilnick@nottingham.ac.uk, Jon Hindmarsh jon.hindmarsh@kcl.ac.uk, and Virginia Teas Gill vtgill@ilstu.edu.
Proposals for papers are invited for contributions to the fifteenth monograph in the series to be published by *Sociology of Health and Illness* in conjunction with Blackwell Publishers. The monograph aims not only to build on the existing foundations of interactional research in medical sociology but also to broaden the scope of this field by featuring studies involving a varied range of healthcare professionals and a wide range of healthcare delivery sites. For further information, see the full call: http://www.blackwellpublishing.com/pdf/SHIL_cfp.pdf

Journals
A special issue of *Journal of Business Communication*, with anticipated publication in April 2008, has issued a call for papers for empirical studies of meeting talk. Special editors are Birte Asmuss (Aarhus School of Business) and Jan Svennevig (Norwegian School of Management, BI). Conversation analysis and other microanalytical approaches to interaction in the workplace are especially invited. Submission deadline: **October 1, 2007**. Prospective authors are encouraged to send the special issue editor a 3-5 paragraph summary by **September 1, 2007**.
http://www.businesscommunication.org/publications/jbc/about_jbc.html

DEVELOPING DATA SESSIONS

Data sessions are an important practice in conversation analysis. Recently we sent out some emails and a listserv query asking colleagues for information about data sessions at their institutions. We appreciated the enthusiastic response (see list of respondents, page 6). From this we pulled out some strategies and tips for organizing data sessions. For those of you who are seeking to establish regular data sessions, this will serve as a general introduction. Old hands may find some new ideas to try. If you would like to join an existing data group, you may discover that one is nearby or is amenable to videoconferencing.

In data sessions a small group of scholars analyze audio/video data of social interaction, using a conversation analytic approach. Data sessions typically run 1-2 hours and involve both faculty and students (typically graduate students, but some folks incorporate data sessions into undergraduate training). A regular schedule is important. Groups typically hold data sessions once a week or once a month, or quarterly if getting together involves travel to another city.

There are many ways of holding a data session. In a common format, someone brings in a piece of audio or video data and enough transcripts for the group. The data are played several times, while all observe/listen. Part of a longer interaction may then be singled out for attention and played several more times. The participants take several minutes to write out their observations and analyses of the agreed-upon portion of data. These are then shared with the entire group, and discussion ensues. Ideally, some interactional phenomena will be collaboratively unpacked during the session.

Data sessions can be open-ended, meaning the participants dive in and see what can be seen in the data. They can be also be didactic or designed to introduce others to a specific phenomenon (in which case the session leader has typically worked on the data beforehand). Different methods suit different purposes.

Respondents to our query mentioned several different ways of getting an initial purchase on the data. One is

to start anywhere. Another is to begin with an analytic theme or key. This involves identifying an analytic starting point, such as the ways speakers tie their utterances/actions to other utterances/actions. This method can be particularly useful for a didactic session (e.g., in a workshop), but caution is urged lest the key restrict participants' observations too much.

After the participants have had time to write individually on the portion of data that was selected for analysis, their ensuing contributions and the group discussion can be structured in different ways. One method involves asking participants to attend to a segment, a pair of turns, or even one turn at a time. Participants contribute their observations before moving to the next segment or turn. The point is to, as one respondent aptly put it, "squeeze all the juice of it" before moving on. Especially useful for new analysts, this promotes cohesive discussion rather than disjointed noticings. Another way is to for participants to offer observations about any aspect of the portion of data that was singled out for attention at the start of the session. In both methods, the group needs to decide whether discussion will proceed around the room (each participant providing observations in turn) or at-will. A benefit of at-will participation is that the group is more likely to stay on a phenomenon and ground an analysis in the evidence, rather than jumping around to sections that happen to be of interest to each successive person in line. However, at-will participation can be difficult for novices. When each session participant gets the floor in turn, there is built-in space for everyone to venture their observations.

We asked people to describe the benefits of data sessions. Three themes emerged from their comments. The first is that data sessions are an excellent training and teaching tool. This is certainly the case for students, for whom data sessions are part of an apprenticeship into the practice of CA. But it is true for more advanced analysts as well. Anyone can benefit by watching the way others work, and we all benefit from exercising our analytic muscles. One person commented,

"For newer students, it's critical for sharpening one's analytic instincts and skills. It hones the capacity to make unmotivated observations, to notice things worth noticing. It also helps students become more skillful at grounding their analytic claims. For old hands, it keeps the analytic eye sharp."

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Several people also mentioned that data sessions help them generate new ideas for papers/projects and help them with difficult fragments in their data. If you have a new set of data, a session can help you find an entry point. Although one person commented that data sessions generally do not produce a product, another wrote, "I'd like to think we have discovered one or two possible phenomena in data sessions, though the jury is still out on this. Besides that we have honed analyses that have subsequently been written up and published." A third theme that emerged is that data sessions generate a sense of community. They provide valuable opportunities for interaction between and among students and faculty, and across departmental and even geographic boundaries. They bring us together for stimulating, challenging, and fun work.

With the increasing availability of information and communication technologies, it is not surprising to see some groups leveraging these tools to connect remotely. Some data groups regularly connect to a person in another location or even combine data sessions with other groups, using the Internet and videoconferencing software. For example, the data groups at the University of California, Santa Barbara and University at Albany, SUNY connect using *iChat* AV, a Mac software program for video conferencing. For more information about how this works, you can go to the Mac *Ichat* website, <http://www.apple.com/macosx/features/ichat/> or contact Tim Halkowski: thalkowski@albany.edu. Other groups would rather stick to in-person sessions. As one person remarked, "We never work remotely since part of the enjoyment of the session, just as with a conference, is all that goes with it. Catching up beforehand, seeing who turns up, introducing people who haven't met before, encouraging beginners in ways that are hard with remote systems and getting to go for coffee or a drink afterwards."

Thanks to all those who provided input on their data sessions:

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- Steve Clayman, University of California, Los Angeles (USA)
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- Esther Gonzalez Martinez, University of Fribourg (Switzerland)
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- John Helleman, Portland State University (USA)
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- Bregje de Kok, University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
- Eric Laurier, University of Edinburgh (Scotland)
- Gene Lerner, University of California, Santa Barbara (USA)
- Anita Pomererantz, University at Albany, SUNY (USA)
- Johanna Rendle-Short, Australian National Univ (Australia)
- Jack Sidnell, University of Toronto (Canada)
- Patrick Watson, University of Manchester (UK)



Upcoming Conferences

10th International Pragmatics Conference
Göteborg, Sweden. **July 9-13, 2007**
<http://www.ipra.be/>

International Meeting on Conversation Analysis and Clinical Encounters: Practical, Methodological and Dissemination Issues
University of Exeter, Devon, UK. **July 16-18, 2007 (outside registration limited to July 18)**.
<http://www.pms.ac.uk/caandclinicalencounters/>

Annual Meeting of The Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction New York City, NY, USA.
August 11-13, 2007
<http://www.soci.niu.edu/~sssi/>

American Sociological Association 102nd Annual Meetings New York, NY, USA. **August 11-14, 2007**
<http://www.asanet.org/>

Mind & Society 14: Philosophical and Sociological Approaches to Mathematics Manchester, UK.
September 7-8, 2007
<http://www.socialsciences.manchester.ac.uk/sociology/staff/cg/mind-and-society-14.htm>

Conference on Conversation Analysis of Psychotherapy Bologna, Italy.
September 20-23, 2007
http://www.lboro.ac.uk/departments/ss/CA_Conference/draft%20poster3.html

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Interdisciplinary Conference on Culture, Language, and Social Practice (CLASP).

University of Colorado at Boulder, USA

October 5 - 7, 2007

http://www.colorado.edu/linguistics/faculty/kira_hall/clasp/conf/

National Communication Association 93rd Annual Convention Chicago, IL, USA.

November 15-18, 2007

<http://www.natcom.org/>

American Association for Applied Linguistics 2008 Annual Conference

Washington, DC, USA.

March 29-April 1, 2008

Deadline for proposal submissions: **Aug. 15, 2007**

<http://www.aal.org/aaal2008/submit.htm>

Sociolinguistics Symposium 17 (SS17)

Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Netherlands

April 3-5, 2008

Submission deadline for workshop and themed-panel proposals: **June 30, 2007**. Submission deadline for paper and poster proposals: **August 31, 2007**

<http://www.meertens.knaw.nl/ss17>

Language, Culture, and Mind III

University of Southern Denmark, Odense.

July 14-16, 2008

Theme session proposals are invited (max 500 words).

Submission deadline for proposals: **July 1, 2007**

Send submissions to: lcm@language.sdu.dk

General information: <http://www.lcm.sdu.dk>

American Sociological Association 103rd Annual Meetings Boston, MA, USA. **August 1-4, 2008**

15th World Congress of Applied Linguistics (AILA)

2008 Essen, Germany.

August 24-29, 2008

<http://www.aila2008.org/>

New Ph.D.'s

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Ph.D. dissertation completion: **April 2007**

Dissertation title: *Talk-in-interaction on the playground: Sequences and categories in fairy club*

Ph.D. Candidates

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Expected completion: **August 2008**

Dissertation title: *Interactional competence in second language learners of English*

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Expected completion: **September 2008**

Dissertation title: *Interpretation and interaction: The work of tour guides in museums, galleries, and historic houses*

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Expected completion (Ed.D.): **Mid 2007**

Dissertation title: *The social constitution and organisation of racial identity*

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Expected completion: **October 2007**

Dissertation title: *The social organisation of the accomplishment of hypnosis*

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Expected completion: **December 2007**

Dissertation title: *Physician-patient communication about patients' sexual activities and substance use: Information exchange on potentially delicate matters*

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Expected completion: **Summer 2007**

Dissertation title: *Aspects of sequential and preference organization in Romanian telephone conversations*

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Expected completion: **Spring 2007**

Dissertation title: *Acupuncturists and their patients remaking the sick role: Innovation in the relations of healing*

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Expected completion: **June 2008**

Dissertation title: *The structures and dynamics of negotiating treatment in acute primary care*

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Expected completion: **December 2007**

Dissertation title: *Les activités collectives dans l'espace domestique. Analyse vidéo, linguistique et ethnographique (Collective activities in the domestic space. Video, linguistic and ethnographic analysis)*

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Expected completion: **September 2007**

Dissertation title: *Disorder, participation and the State: An ethnomethodological study of antisocial behaviour in an English urban community*

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Expected completion: **July 2009**

Dissertation title: *An analysis of laughter in call centre interaction and informal conversation*

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Expected completion: **October 2007**

Dissertation title: *Apokoinou in Swedish talk-in-interaction: A family of dialogical grammatical constructions and methods for solving local communicative projects*

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Expected completion: **Fall 2007**

Dissertation title: *Coming together: How arriving and pre-present parties do the first moments of co-present interaction*

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Expected completion: **May 2008**

Dissertation title: *Novices developing familiarity with desktop videoconferencing*

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